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SUBJ: FINANCING FOR SOROS ASSOCIATES

1. IN COURSE THEIR VISIT HERE LAST WEEK, SOROS REPRESENTATIVES JAVOR AND LANTENOIS ATTEMPTED PIN DOWN FINANCING FOR NEXT PAYMENT DUE SOROS FOR WORK ON SANTA CLARA PORT. WHEN THEY LEFT, HOWEVER, NO SOLUTION HAD YET BEEN FOUND, BUT PORTS OFFICE (OPRAG) AND MINFINANCE WERE BOTH SEIZED OF PROBLEM AND WERE EXPECTED COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS SHORTLY FOR EURODOLLAR LOAN BEING ARRANGED BY FNCB. (FURTHER DETAILS IN MEMCON POUCHED CONGER AND BLODGETT DECEMBER 22.)

2. AT REQUEST JAVOR AND LANTENOIS, WE PHONED LEFLEM AT MINFINANCE DECEMBER 23 TO FIND OUT WHETHER ANY PROGRESS HAD YET BEEN MADE WITH EURODOLLAR LOAN. LEFLEM REPORTED HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT LOAN AND HAD RECEIVED NO ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM OPRAG, AND THAT HIS MINISTER WAS IN ANY EVENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY. FINANCE MINISTER OKINDA EXPECTED BACK FOR CHRISTMAS BUT IS DUE LEAVE AGAIN JANUARY 2, SO LEFLEM SAW LITTLE CHANCE FOR MINFINANCE ACTION DURING NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

3. STOLEN OF FNCB WILL MAKE FURTHER CHECK DECEMBER 24 WITH MINFINANCE AND OPRAG, BUT IS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SWIFT ACTION.

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4. APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ABOVE INFORMATION TO SOROS
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